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Congressman James F. Hastings To Speak

Annual General Meeting Set For April 28 In Buffalo

The seventh Annual General Meeting of the Regional Advisory Group, (RAG), the advisory body to the Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, Inc. will be held Saturday, April 28, 1973 at the Wick Center Auditorium of Rosary Hill College, 4380 Main Street, Buffalo, New York.



Rep. James F. Hastings

Registration begins at 9 a.m. The program will run until 12 noon.

The keynote speaker will be Congressman James F. Hastings, (R.-Rushford Lake), a member of the House Sub-committee on Public Health and Environment.

Congressman Hastings introduced a legislative bill, H.R. 5608, "Health Programs Extension Act of 1973", which seeks to extend for one year, authorities for a number of health programs, among them regional medical programs, that are due to expire on June 30, 1973. Congressman Hastings, along with other legislators, deplores the President's order to dismantle existing programs until a more thorough review and decision is made by Congress, who developed these programs and who should determine their fate. The Congressman notes that his introduction of this continuation legislation should not be construed as a personal endorsement of all these programs, but rather a means of allowing Congress more time to make a responsible evaluation and decision.

Election of persons whose names have been submitted for membership in the RAG will be acted upon at this meeting. Anyone wishing to submit candidates for membership in the RAG is requested to send these names to James J. McCormack, Ph.D., LARMP, 2929 Main Street, Buffalo, New York as soon as possible.

You're Invited

An open invitation is extended to all county committee members, health agencies, health personnel, hospital administrators and other guests to attend. Reservations should be sent to Anthony Zerbo, Jr. at the LARMP office.

New York State Medical Society Passes Resolution In Support of RMP

Whereas

The several Regional Medical Programs throughout New York State have provided a positive organizational base from which physicians may effectively implement improvements in the health care system consummate with the responsible practice of medicine and

Whereas

The same RMPs have provided valuable and irreplaceable technical assistance to the physician community and the larger communities that serve to effect improved general health care and

Whereas

the RMP has provided much needed local autonomy in the expenditure of federal resources directed toward local needs

Therefore Be It Resolved

that the Medical Society of the State of New York deplore the exclusion of the RMP from the administration's proposed 1974 federal budget and

Be It Further Resolved

that the Medical Society of the State of New York request that the Congress of the United States extend the RMP legislation and provide funding necessary for continuation and expansion of this valuable program.

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29 Represents Views of Six N.Y.-RMPs

Dr. Ingall Summoned To Testify on RMP Before U.S. House Sub-Committee

The stage is now set for the inevitable battle slated to take place between the Administration and Congress over the Presidential order to close down Regional Medical Programs by June 30, 1973. A legislative bill to extend Regional Medical Program, along with 14 other expiring programs, was introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy (D - Massachusetts) in the Senate. This passed by a vote of 72-19 on March 28, 1973.



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Mobile Health Unit Increases Its Services To County Residents

The Allegany County Mobile Health Unit, which went into full operation in October, 1972, has steadily increased its services to Allegany County residents, according to Dr. Virginia Barker, Dean of the Alfred University's School of Nursing, who also serves as director of the mobile health unit project.

Dr. Barker said the mobile unit idea was initiated in Allegany County as a means of providing preventive health care services and health education to all persons in the sparsely populated townships in the county. Plans and funds to organize and operate the unit were supplied by the Lakes Area Regional Medical Program Inc. Services include vision and hearing tests, blood sugar screenings, blood pressures, urinalyses, and other tests. No direct treatment is provided on the van. Suspected cases of illness or health deficiencies are referred to family physicians or to the county's two hospitals if the client does not have a

family physician. Services are free to county residents.

The traveling unit is staffed by faculty and students of Alfred University's School of Nursing and members of Allegany County's Public Health Nursing Service. Mrs. Margaret Connelly, County Public Health Nursing Director said that during the past four months of operation 141 persons between the ages of 15-85 have sought the services provided by the unit. Mrs. Connelly reported that from this group, 79 have been referred for treatment by family physicians or to the two hospitals. Five were hospitalized and one person underwent needed surgery. She also noted that 19 of those receiving screening tests had no family physician and 12 persons were referred to the physician of their choice.

The \$52,000 fully equipped unit is presently accommodating a maximum of 10 persons per day at an average visit of one hour per person.

Dr. Barker said the mobile unit was adopted for the county because of the shortage of physicians, lack of public transportation to doctors offices and hospitals for the many elderly and very young residents.

Regularly scheduled stops are made by the unit at Angelica, Alfred Station, Caneadea, Richburg and Whitesville.

DR. INGALL

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A similar bill known as the Health Programs Extension Act of 1973 (H.R. 5608) was introduced by Congressman James F. Hastings (R - New York) and Congressman Paul Rogers (D - Florida) along with 79 other co-sponsors. Passage of this bill is expected in mid-April.

Dr. John R. F. Ingall, Executive Director of the Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, Inc. was summoned to Washington, D.C. on March 28th to testify before the House Subcommittee on Public Health and Environment on Regional Medical Program activities. Dr. Ingall, in representing the directors of all six Regional Medical Programs in New York State, presented evidence highlighting Regional Medical Program activities within New York State. Coordinators from New York State and throughout the nation were present at these hearing to provide similar testimony.

A summary of Dr. Ingall's testimony follows:

Mr. Chairman,

I am a surgeon and Director of the Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, which has its headquarters

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UAW President Blasts Administration's Move to Kill Health Programs



United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock sharply criticized what he calls the AMA's do-nothing policy about President Nixon's massive cutbacks in health programs "that ought to be strengthened rather than sacrificed to the budget-cutter's axe".

Speaking at the Medical Alumni Association of the State University of New York at Buffalo's Spring Clinical Days symposium on April 7, in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Woodcock said "The President's health budget reveals a harshening insensitivity to the needs of both patients and doctors. He wants to cut into health services research and development and cut out entirely the Regional Medical Program.

"Even though the Office of Management and Budget has developed ingenious devices for obscuring their intentions", he said, "the facts are that no health program entirely escapes the budget cutter's axe."

The UAW president, who heads an organization of over 1.5 million members, urged those concerned to write to their congressmen and the President indicating their support for good governmental health activities and opposition to budget cuts that rank health low in national priorities.

Rural Externship Committee Head Named

Murray S. Marsh, administrator of the W.C.A. Hospital in Jamestown, New York is the new chairman of the Rural Externship Advisory Committee.

Mr. Marsh, who is deeply interested in the Rural Externship Program, said plans are presently being developed and implemented

for the 1973 summer session. Traditionally, W.C.A. Hospital has actively supported the program and has encouraged the student-preceptor arrangement.

Mr. Marsh said that the goal this year is to place 40 health science students in rural communities in such disciplines as medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatry, hospital administration, occupational and physical therapy, and nutrition.

Students will be placed in the seven Western New York and two Pennsylvania counties that make up the LARMP region. The project will be operated again this year under the auspices of the LARMP.

William D. Crage was recently appointed director of the Rural Externship Program. Mr. Crage notes that during the past three years 102 health science students have been placed in rural communities under the sponsorship of this program.



Murray Marsh

TLN LECTURE SCHEDULE APRIL 1973

April 2 - Monday

Special Series - 11:00 a.m.
 "A Secretary's Full Time Position -
 Interpersonal Relations" Part II

April 3 - Tuesday

Physicians - 11:30 a.m.
 "Management of Common infections of Childhood"
 Joseph M. Mattimore, M.D.
 Nursing - 1:30 p.m.
 "Pacemakers in Community Hospitals"
 Ethel R. Cooper, R.N.
 Sara K. Rorabaugh, R.N., B.S.
 Barbara A. Smith, R.N.

April 4 - Wednesday

Clinical Pastoral Education - 10:00 a.m.
 "The Family of a Patient with Cystic Fibrosis"
 Frederick W. Hennen, M.A.
 Dietetics - 2:00 p.m.
 "Food Factories in Health Services"
 Edith Fae Cook, R.D.

April 5 - Thursday

Family Practice - 8:30 a.m.
 "Anxiety"... John G. Robinson, M.D.
 Podiatry - 12:15 p.m.
 "Current Concepts of Hemostasis and Coagulation -
 Their Application to Podiatric Office Surgery"
 Jeffrey M. Carrel, DPM, FACFO
 David M. Davidson, DPM, AACFOS
 Medical Technology - 1:30 p.m.
 Clinical Chemistry - "Pitfalls in Colorimetric Enzyme
 Assays"... Richard R. Swain, Ph.D.

April 6 - Friday

Pediatric Journal Club - 8:00 a.m.
 Discussant - Peter Vlad, M.D.
 Special Series - 11:00 a.m.
 "A Secretary's Full Time Position -
 Interpersonal Relations" Part III

April 9 - Monday

Special Series - 11:00 a.m.
 "A Secretary's Full Time Position -
 Interpersonal Relations" Part IV

April 10 - Tuesday

Physicians - 11:30 a.m.
 "Modern Day Diagnosis and Treatment
 of Vulvovaginitis"... Vincent J. Capraro, M.D.
 Nursing - 1:30 p.m.
 "Development of Unit Inservice"
 Helen Jones, R.N., B.S.

April 11 - Wednesday

Mental Health Training - 11:00 a.m.
 "Role Playing as a Therapeutic Technique and Its
 Relationship to Sociodrama, Psychodrama and
 Group Process"... Leslie Norwood, MHATA and Panel
 Medical Record Administrators - 2:00 p.m.
 "Interviewing Techniques for Department Heads"
 Richard H. Waring

April 12 - Thursday

Pharmacy Journal Club - 9:00 a.m.
 "Diabetes"... Thomas Caldwell, Pharm.D.
 Medical Librarianship - 11:30 a.m.
 "The Larger Library Community"
 Helen J. Brown, M.A.

Jean K. Miller, M.L.S., M.S.

Managerial & Supervisory Development - 1:30 p.m.
 "Interviewing Techniques for Department Heads"
 Richard H. Waring

April 17 - Tuesday

Physicians - 11:30 a.m.
 "Otolological Problems"... Sanford R. Hoffman, M.D.
 (Third Tuesday Staff Conference -
 Millard Filmore Hospital)
 Nursing - 1:30 p.m.
 "Adapting to Old Age"... Virginia Stone, R.N., Ph.D.

April 18 - Wednesday

Physicians - Cancer Oncology - 11:30 a.m.
 "The Value of Retroperitoneal Node Resectomy"
 David Albert, M.D.
 Nursing - Cancer Oncology - 12:30 p.m.
 "Nursing Care After Urological Surgery"
 Patricia Salerno, R.N.
 Dietetics - 2:00 p.m.
 "Behavioral Modification Treatment of Obesity"
 Charlotte M. Young, Ph.D.

April 19 - Thursday

Inhalation Therapy - 11:30 a.m.
 "Acute Respiratory Failure in Infants and Children"
 Martin J. Downey, Jr., M.D.
 Marlon Siegel, ARIT, B.S.

April 24 - Tuesday

Physicians - 11:30 a.m.
 "Differential Diagnosis of the Genital Ulcer"
 John C. Maize, M.D.
 Nursing - 1:30 p.m.
 "The Intensive Care Nursery - Why, Where and Who"
 Paula U. Fick, R.N., M.S.

April 25 - Wednesday

Psychiatry - 11:00 a.m.
 "Current Trends in Treatment of Alcoholism"
 Harry Rubenstein, M.D.

April 26 - Thursday

Physicians - Trauma - 10:30 a.m.
 "Ruptured Bladder"... Imre V. Magoss, M.D.
 Allied Health - 1:00 p.m.
 "Evaluative Techniques for the Perceptually and
 Physically Handicapped Child"... Roberta Powers, O.T.R.

TLN LECTURE SCHEDULE MAY 1973

May 1 - Tuesday

Physicians - 11:30 a.m.

"Dermatologic Treatments That Almost Always Work"

Richard L. Dobson, M.D.

Nursing - 1:30 p.m.

"Separation Anxiety - For Mother and Child"

Paula U. Fick, R.N., M.S.

May 2 - Wednesday

Clinical Pastoral Education - 10:00 a.m.

"The Person With A Grief Problem"

Rev. C. Charles Bachmann, Ph.D.

Dietetics - 2:00 p.m.

"Behavioral and Neurogenic Factors in the Pathogenesis of Coronary Heart Disease"

Ray H. Rosenman, M.D.

May 3 - Thursday

Family Practice - 8:30 a.m.

"Vaccination and Immunization"

Bernard Eisenberg, M.D.

Podiatry - 11:30 a.m.

"Silastic Implant Surgery in Hallux Valgus"

Earl Kaplan, DPM, FACFS

Medical Technology - 1:30 p.m.

"The Use of Microtiter Techniques in Clinical Serology"

Susan J. Depew, M.S., M.T. (ASCP)

May 4 - Friday

Pediatric Journal Club - 8:00 a.m.

To be announced

May 8 - Tuesday

Physicians - 11:30 a.m.

"Differential Diagnosis of Adult Onset Muscle Weakness"

Krishna Kalyanaraman, M.D.

Nursing - 1:30 p.m.

"The Need For A More Family-Centered Approach to Maternity Care"

Paula U. Fick, R.N., M.S.

May 9 - Wednesday

Mental Health Training - 11:00 a.m.

"Group As A Therapeutic Technique Utilized By The Paraprofessional"

Coordinator - Janice Felski, MHATA and Panel from Buffalo State Hospital

Medical Record Administrators - 2:00 p.m.

"New Horizons in Medical Record Careers"

Kathleen A. Waters, RRA

May 10 - Thursday

Pharmacy Journal Club - 9:00 a.m.

"Congestive Heart Failure"

Richard A. Hutchinson, DPHM

Medical Librarianship - 11:30 a.m.

"Core Collections/Classification"

Helen J. Brown, M.A.

Remedios L. Silva, MSLS

Managerial & Supervisory Development - 1:30 p.m.

"The Human Resource - Your Biggest Expense - And Asset"

Dudley Ericson

May 15 - Tuesday

Physicians - 11:30 a.m.

"Clinical and Angiographic Follow-Up in 1,000 Patients After Coronary Vein Graft Surgery"

William C. Sheldon, M.D.

(Third Tuesday Staff Conference - Millard Fillmore Hospital

Nursing - 1:30 p.m.

"The Use of Oxytocic Agents in OB-GYN Patients"

Paula U. Fick, R.N., M.S.

May 16 - Wednesday

Physicians - Cancer Oncology - 11:30 a.m.

"Hypophysectomy - Its Place and Value"

Robert Bourke, M.D.

Nursing - Cancer Oncology - 12:30 p.m.

"Nursing Care in Adrenalectomy and Hypophysectomy"

Margaret Stein, R.N.

Dietetics - 2:00 p.m.

"A Dietetic Rap Session"

Dorothy B. Deering, R.D., M.S.

Dorothy L. Brown, R.D., MPH

May 17 - Thursday

Special Program - 1:30 p.m.

"Alcohol Problems and Third Party Payments"

Cedric M. Smith, M.D.

Robert McLaughlin

Allan Perlmutter

May 22 - Tuesday

Physicians - 11:30 a.m.

"Special Problems in Head and Neck Cancer"

John M. Lore, M.D.

Nursing - 1:30 p.m.

"Care of the Dying Child"

Katherine Fillion, R.N.

Judy Larsen, R.N.

Marilyn R. O'Connor, R.N., B.S.

May 24 - Thursday

Physicians - Trauma - 10:30 a.m.

To be announced

Allied Health - 1:00 p.m.

"Programs and Activities for the Perceptually Handicapped Child"

Roberta Powers, OTR

May 30 - Wednesday

Medical Record Administrators - 2:00 p.m.

"New Horizons in Health Record Careers"

Betty-Marie Mino, RRA



Dr. Ray H. Rosenman

Stress and Heart Disease:

Behavioral and Neurogenic Factors in the Pathogenesis of Coronary Heart Disease, will be the topic presented by Dr. Ray H. Rosenman, associate chief, Department of Medicine, and associate chief, The Harold Brunn Institute for Cardiovascular Research, Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center, San Francisco, California, on May 2, at 2 p.m. over the LARMP's Telephone Lecture Network. All dietitians, physicians and other interested health personnel are invited to participate. The program can be heard at all 35 TLN outlets located throughout the nine county region of Western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. The outlets are in hospitals in your community. The hospital administrator may be contacted for further information.

Nominating Committee Appointed

Seven persons were appointed to the nominating committee who will be charged with presenting a slate of candidates for membership to the Regional Advisory Group Board of Directors at the April 28 Annual General Meeting.

Dr. Irwin Felsen, RAG chairman named RAG members Sister Bernadette Armiger, Niagara University School of Nursing; Murray Marsh, WCA Hospital, Jamestown, New York, and Robert Harris, Western New York Hospital Association to the committee. Also appointed were Dr. Alan Drinnan, School of Dentistry, State University of New York at Buffalo; Dr. Alfred Finnichio, St. Bonaventure University, Olean, New York; Dr. Robert Love, State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College, Alfred, New York and Dana Lundquist, Hamot Medical Center, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Ammended By-Laws Have Been Distributed

The November 9, 1972 ammended by-laws of the Health Organization of Western New York, Inc. have been sent to all members of the Regional Advisory Group and all county committee members. The name of this advisory body to the Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, Inc. has been changed to Lakes Area Regional Advisory Group, Inc.

The ammended by-laws will be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting on April 28, 1973 at Rosary Hill College, Buffalo, New York.

Anyone having comments regarding the by-laws is requested to contact James J. McCormack, Ph.D., Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, Inc., 2929 Main Street, Buffalo, New York.

TLN TO CLOSE FOR SUMMER, REOPEN SEPTEMBER, 1973

The Telephone Lecture Network will temporarily suspend operations as of June 1 through August 31, 1973. Starting in September 1973 the Network will offer an entirely new schedule of continuing education programs. Registration for the coming year will be in April. For more information contact:

Joseph Reynolds, Network Coordinator, Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, Inc. 2929 Main Street, Buffalo, New York

or call — (716) 835-0728

New York State Medical Society

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And Be It Further Resolved

that the Medical Society of the State of New York request that the Administration reexamine its position and recognize RMP as an effective force responsive to the private and voluntary sectors of the health care system for improving health services in line with regional priorities.

And Be It Further Resolved

that the Medical Society of the State of New York instruct the Committee on Federal Legislation to take immediate action to inform the Congress of the United States.

DR. INGALL

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in Buffalo, New York. Today I speak on behalf of my colleagues, namely the directors of all six programs in New York State. These men are with me today and have signed the testimony submitted to your committee.

We would commend the Committee on its foresight and logical approach to the legislation affecting not only our program, but that of the programs included in the Health Services Extension Act of 1973. We see the period of one year, which is the qualifier to this Act, as a time in which the legislation can be redrafted (rewritten) to conform with the pressing needs of the day. It can be updated to ensure that appropriations for the components of H.R. 5608 are invested in the best possible manner.

Not only should the legislation be brought up to the standards required of it in 1974, but the administration thereof should receive careful scrutiny to make sure the tax dollar is invested wisely.

The Administration budget observations describe in detail what is essentially an R.M.P. function; building on community strengths, competent use of funds at the local level, reduction of bureaucratic hindrance, decentralization of what has hitherto been federal government function. The ability to become self-supporting is one of the criteria of importance in projects that receive our support, both in New York State and nationally.

We would reiterate that decentralization of authority, reduction of bureaucracy, building on existing community strengths and relieving the federal government from responsibility that should be the province of the local authority, is a succinct capsule of the activities of Regional Medical Programs throughout the nation.

We have as an appendix to this presentation, Mr. Chairman, some facts about New York State. This data, which gives a numerical dimension to our impact, impressive as it is, is in no way as important as the process that has brought it about.

It is crucial to bring the best care in the categorical diseases, namely heart, stroke and cancer to the greatest number of people. To do this, Regional Medical Programs had to develop a process. A clear understanding of the high calibre personnel and the methodology requisite to this process is critical to you and to others who wish to improve the health care in this country.

DR. INGALL

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The cooperative mandate which the RMPs have responded to has indeed attacked the fragmentation in our society most effectively over the past five years and will undoubtedly be even more successful in the years to come.

There is no point in improving quality unless the community of professionals and consumers are organized to benefit from this improvement, be it in scientific knowledge, manpower capability or the translation of applicable research discoveries to the benefit of patients throughout the country — and in an equitable fashion. "Organization demands cooperation."

Parables may be out of place in this hearing room Mr. Chairman, but I would like to draw a parallel between a scientific author and his publisher to give you some idea of this RMP process which is so important but sometimes eludes understanding.

It is no good writing a book if the promotion and distribution mechanisms are absent. It is the latter mechanism which is outstanding with the Regional Medical Programs. You will acknowledge also, that it is the material distributed and the author thereof that receives the accolade and not the printer or the publisher. Similarly with the Regional Medical Programs, our low profile has been effective in the working relations we have set up and where our enabling function has helped those mandated and professionally competent to do things — to do them and disseminate their product to the profit of the public.

This low profile has been crucial to our efficacy but damaging to our image. Avoiding the limelight has been an intrinsic factor in our success at the local level. A catalyst gets *much less kudos than the product*.

We recognize that our low profile puts us in jeopardy at the national level, but it is nevertheless a crucial factor in our effectiveness at the local level. It is important to the trust we have with constituency we represent.

We are professionals in community organization. We believe that if the information transfer, interpretation and capacity to evaluate were as good for the Administration as it is for the national RMPs, we doubt that its intention to improve function and decentralize would have brought it to make such an inaccurate and completely unfounded allegation about RMP.

Nationally, the Regional Medical Programs have been initiated at different times and developed at varying speeds. They nevertheless cover the entire country. We are convinced that a *blanket termination of all RMPs would destroy many good programs in the process of eliminating those few yet to develop to full maturity*.

There is another factor of critical importance to the RMPs' success as a catalyst of positive change at the local community level. The Regional Medical Programs are the only federally supported programs in existence which provide positive incentive in the form of substantive developmental and technical assistance and venture capital for introducing, demonstrating and disseminating new methods for improving the quality and cost effective-

ness of that 70% of care still delivered in the voluntary sector.

As directors of programs in New York State we are specifically proud of the Emergency Medical Service Systems that have evolved in Western New York and other parts of the state. The kidney procurement system, a collaborative effort from which the community will inevitably profit has evolved as a conjoined effort by the New York Metropolitan, Nassau-Suffolk and New Jersey Regional Medical Programs. This demonstrates that we cannot only act individually but also in concert. The Rural Health manpower project designed to induce people to achieve their professional ambitions give service in a rural setting. It has been most successful and is well-described on Page 27 of the Fact Book we are submitting as testimony.

Mr. Chairman, attached to this testimony is a document with a capsule of projects and their achievements in New York State, another with impact data similar to that available on the national level and a third document entitled The RMP Fact Book. We believe these documents provide you with very strong evidence of the potential of RMP for the future.

We unanimously endorse H.R. 5608 as a necessary means to allow Congress, which established this authority in the first place, the necessary time to make a responsible evaluation and decision about the programs included in the bill. This authority for the Regional Medical Programs was established in October 1965 and was expanded in 1970 with this Administration's support and approval.

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